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Abstract

CSD document for UHR

# 1. IEEE 802 criteria for standards development (CSD)

The CSD documents an agreement between the WG and the Sponsor that provides a description of the project and the Sponsor's requirements more detailed than required in the PAR. The CSD consists of the project process requirements, 1.1, and the 5C requirements, 1.2.

## 1.1 Project process requirements

### 1.1.1 Managed objects

Describe the plan for developing a definition of managed objects. The plan shall specify one of the following:

1. The definitions will be part of this project. YES
2. The definitions will be part of a different project and provide the plan for that project or anticipated future project.
3. The definitions will not be developed and explain why such definitions are not needed.

### 1.1.2 Coexistence

A WG proposing a wireless project shall demonstrate coexistence through the preparation of a Coexistence Assurance (CA) document unless it is not applicable.

1. Will the WG create a CA document as part of the WG balloting process as described in Clause 13? YES
2. If not, explain why the CA document is not applicable.

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## 1.2 5C requirements

## 1.2.1 Broad Market Potential

Each proposed IEEE 802 LMSC standard shall have broad market potential. At a minimum, address the following areas:

1. Broad sets of applicability.

Wireless LAN (WLAN) continues to gain momentum, demonstrating that it has become an important and sometimes indispensable aspect of people's daily lives. The global pandemic has shown the crucial role of Wi-Fi in strengthening social and economic resilience by enabling remote work and learning, telemedicine, and maintaining connections among people across the globe.

A study conducted by the Wi-Fi Alliance® [1] predicts that the global Wi-Fi economy will reach almost $5 trillion by 2025, a 150% rise from 2018. Residential Wi-Fi providing Internet access and connecting devices at home are estimated to be worth $2.2 trillion. Enterprise Wi-Fi deployments that support a significant portion of enterprise broadband traffic and improve operational efficiency are estimated at a value of $1.6 trillion. Furthermore, the availability of up to 1200 MHz of spectrum in the 6 GHz in many regions of the world is expected to drive technological competitiveness and pave the way to devices and services of the future.

The demand for wireless broadband access continues to increase, and over half of mobile data traffic is offloaded to WLAN networks, from coffee shops and healthcare facilities to public venues and stadiums. Wi-Fi access has become ubiquitous in many parts of the world, with over 540 million public access points now available globally [2].

The role of WLAN technology expands into many industry sectors and supports digital transformation initiatives, offering benefits such as quicker time-to-market, more efficient operations, and an improved customer experience. These market sectors include retail and e-commerce, education, government, transportation, agricultural, manufacturing, and healthcare. An example of a new market entry is seen in the automobile sector. Connected cars generate about 25 gigabytes (GB) of data each hour [3]. A large portion of this data needs to be uploaded to the cloud and Wi-Fi is a compelling technology to address such a use case.

The emerging of the metaverse is on the horizon. Augmented and virtual reality (AR/VR) hardware are key user interfaces to access the metaverse. The AR/VR hardware, and the metaverse in general rely on the WLAN technology to connect users to servers that provide the essential services and/or to offload the demanding computation to nearby compute devices or cloud computation resources. The stringent motion-to-photon latency requirement (< 20 milliseconds [4]) and the throughput required to render immersive “reality” continue to raise challenges for the WLAN technology.

WLAN deployments are also expected to play a major role in addressing the digital divide. The Wireless Broadband Alliance (WBA) has shown that Wi-Fi is the most cost-effective and efficient technology for closing the digital divide in small towns, rural areas, and other sparsely populated locations, using the optimal backhaul solution available [5].

The annual shipment of WLAN devices was expected to reach 4.2 billion in 2022 and 18 billion Wi-Fi devices were expected to be in use that year [6]. These devices are becoming more and more diverse, from AR/VR headset, laptops, smartphones, game consoles, smart speakers, security cameras to M2M devices for the industry and agricultural sectors.

Reported by IDC [7], the worldwide VR hardware including consumer and commercial tethered and stand-alone VR headset shipments increased ~5 times, from 2.1 MU in 2016 to 10.8 MU in 2021, with the corresponding revenue quadrupled from $1.1 billions to $4.4 billions. Further projected by the IDC Research [8], the worldwide AR/VR hardware shipment will grow from 9.7 MU in 2022 to 29.9 MU with a total 32.0% CAGR.

1. Multiple vendors and numerous users.

A wide variety of vendors currently build numerous products for the Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) marketplace. It is anticipated that most of those vendors, and others, will participate in the standards development process and subsequent commercialization activities.

The numbers of annual shipment and the diversity of devices and usages illustrate the number of users that are relying on continued progress of WLAN technology.

## 1.2.2 Compatibility

Each proposed IEEE 802 LMSC standard should be in conformance with IEEE Std 802, IEEE 802.1AC, and IEEE 802.1Q. If any variances in conformance emerge, they shall be thoroughly disclosed and reviewed with IEEE 802.1 WG prior to submitting a PAR to the Sponsor.

1. Will the proposed standard comply with IEEE Std 802, IEEE Std 802.1AC and IEEE Std 802.1Q? YES
2. If the answer to a) is no, supply the response from the IEEE 802.1 WG.

The review and response is not required if the proposed standard is an amendment or revision to an existing standard for which it has been previously determined that compliance with the above IEEE 802 standards is not possible. In this case, the CSD statement shall state that this is the case.

## 1.2.3 Distinct Identity

Each proposed IEEE 802 LMSC standard shall provide evidence of a distinct identity. Identify standards and standards projects with similar scopes and for each one describe why the proposed project is substantially different.

This project will focus on increasing throughput at different SNR levels of WLAN.

This project will improve the latency and jitter of WLAN.

There is no other WLAN standard focusing on significantly improving WLAN throughput at different SNR levels, nor improving latency and jitter other than this amendment.

## 1.2.4 Technical Feasibility

Each proposed IEEE 802 LMSC standard shall provide evidence that the project is technically feasible within the time frame of the project. At a minimum, address the following items to demonstrate technical feasibility:

a) Demonstrated system feasibility.

The IEEE 802.11 WNG and UHR SG has reviewed many presentations listing candidate features and indicating that the proposed solutions are technically feasible.

b) Proven similar technology via testing, modeling, simulation, etc.

IEEE 802.11 is a mature technology which has a wide variety of legacy devices and a proven track record, with several billions of devices shipping each year. The increased capabilities envisioned for the baseband and RF parts necessary to implement the proposed amendment are in line with the current progress in technology and not expected to impinge testability.

**1.2.5 Economic Feasibility**

Each proposed IEEE 802 LMSC standard shall provide evidence of economic feasibility. Demonstrate, as far as can reasonably be estimated, the economic feasibility of the proposed project for its intended applications. Among the areas that may be addressed in the cost for performance analysis are the following:

a) Balanced costs (infrastructure versus attached stations).

1. WLAN equipment is accepted as having balanced costs. The development of Wireless capabilities to enhance the throughput and improve latency of WLAN network deployments will not disrupt the established balance.
2. b) Known cost factors.

Support of the proposed standard will likely require a manufacturer to develop a modified radio, modem and firmware. This is similar in principle to the transition between IEEE 802.11ax and IEEE 802.11be as well as in previous iterations of IEEE Std. 802.11 enhancements. The cost factors for these transitions are well known and the data for this is well understood.

c) Consideration of installation costs.

Industry has recommended dual Cat6a cabling for APs for many years. The focus of this amendment is mostly on WLAN operation that requires no more than dual 10 Gbps full duplex for wired backhaul (i.e. 20 Gbps down and 20 Gbps up). Thus, for venues following this advice, the proposed amendment has no known impact on installation costs even for high end UHR APs.

In cases with lesser backhaul capacity, for lower end APs compliant with UHR or networks designed such that the bulk of the traffic originates or terminates at end-points cohosted with AP and non-AP STAs, the proposed amendment is not expected to impact installation costs either.

In some cases, new cabling infrastructure such as dual Cat6a is required for optimum UHR AP performance. The cabling cost is balanced and comparable to the cost of an initial IEEE Std. 802.11 AP installation.

d) Consideration of operational costs (e.g., energy consumption).

There are billions of WLAN systems in operation around the world. WLAN systems are recognized to provide a total cost of ownership (TCO) that provides a significant operation cost benefits. This amendment is not expected to change today’s operation costs.

e) Other areas, as appropriate.

None.

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